

FOREIGN NEWS.

LEADING TOPICS AT MANY POINTS.
THE IRISH CONTRADICTIONS, NEW AND OLD—PARNELL'S SUGGESTION NOT ACCEPTABLE—A FIRE IN LONDON—BISMARCK'S HEALTH.

A society organized to murder landlords, agents and spies has been discovered in the Cruseen district, Ireland. The trial of Daniel Curley for the Phoenix Park murders was begun in Dublin yesterday. The President of the Austrian Reichsrath has received a letter containing a threat to blow up the Parliament building. Mr. Parnell's suggestion that the Philadelphia convention be postponed until fall will not be followed. A destructive fire in London is reported. The health of Prince Bismarck is improving.

A NEW ASSASSINATION SOCIETY.
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DUBLIN, April 16.—The inquiry made by Clifford Lloyd into the plot to murder in the Cruseen district, in connection with which a number of arrests have been made, has led to remarkable disclosures. The first clue to the existence of the conspiracy was obtained by the confession of a man named Tubridy, who was wounded while engaged in an attack on an objectionable person by moonlight. Tubridy has given full particulars in court of the murder of a man named Kennedy by assassins who were brought from a distance to perform the deed. Tubridy stated that he belonged to a secret society, in which he was obliged by threats to continue. In January, 1882, the society was reorganized with the special object of killing landlords, agents and spies. The local leader was a man named MacInerney. He introduced to the members a stranger from Dublin who said he had travelled all through other countries and formed societies. He stated that the Land League would supply the society with arms and promised that the League would pay MacInerney the expenses incurred by men who were sent out of their own districts. In January, 1882, the society was reorganized with the special object of killing landlords, agents and spies. The local leader was a man named MacInerney. He introduced to the members a stranger from Dublin who said he had travelled all through other countries and formed societies. He stated that the Land League would supply the society with arms and promised that the League would pay MacInerney the expenses incurred by men who were sent out of their own districts.

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POLITICIANS ANXIOUS FOR OFFICE.
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.
—THE MAYOR'S COMING APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Edson telegraphed to Albany yesterday to ascertain whether or not the Assembly Chamber on Cities will give a public hearing to persons interested in the proposed amendments to the city charter. It was waiting a reply last night and will go to Albany when the opportunity is offered for him to be heard. The Mayor will advocate single headed department except in the Tax office, and concentrated responsibility, which means the power to fill offices without deferring to the Aldermen. There is little prospect, however, of any such legislation, according to the talk of the members of the Legislature from this city. The politicians here will rather wait the progress of the city government, and they want no legislation that will take from their control patronage which they now possess.

An agreement was reached between Hubert O. Thompson, of the County Democracy, and John Kelly, of Tammany Hall, on the subject of charter legislation, some time ago. The bill reported to the Assembly by M. C. Murphy was the result of that agreement, with the exception of the clause in regard to the Police Department. The County Democracy leaders assert that Mr. Murphy inserted that clause at the instigation of Tammany leaders in order that Tammany Hall might control the appointment of election officers. It caused a breach and the negotiations have been declared "off."

Senator Grady attempted to repair the breach last week by introducing in the Senate the bill as originally agreed upon by Thompson and Kelly, but the effort failed. Mr. Thompson thought that Murphy was "his man," and had a rude awakening when Murphy interpolated the police clause in the interest of Tammany. This is explained by Murphy's anxiety to secure the Tammany nomination for State Senator in the 11th District, to succeed Boyd. Tammany said to Murphy that he would support him in the election, but Murphy refused to do so until the Police Department was added to the bill. Murphy then introduced the bill with the Police Department clause, and the Democrats have turned their attention to Mayor Edson.

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THE FIRE RECORD.

BURNED TO DEATH IN A FLAT.
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ALBANY, April 16.—The Atlantic House of this city was burned yesterday morning. William McGill, Charles Quillen and Carl Spiegle, guests, were burned to death.

SMALLPOX IN PENNSYLVANIA.
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
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THE MANNING-CHAMBERS CASE.
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CLAIMS AGAINST PACIFIC ROADS.
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WASHINGTON, April 16.—No suit has yet been instituted by the Department of Justice against the Union Pacific Railroad Company, as requested by the Secretary of the Interior in his letter of February 2 transmitting the letter and recommendations of the Commissioner of Railroads. In that letter Commissioner Armstrong says that the controversy involves the question: "What are 'net earnings' under the first section of the act of May 7, 1878?" and depends upon the allowance or disallowance of items for new equipment and new construction for the three and a half years ended December 31, 1881, amounting to \$2,381,439.82, twenty-five per cent of which is claimed to be due the Government and has been demanded from the company.

After giving the gist of several judicial decisions as to what constitutes "net earnings," not one of which decisions, however, was based upon the act of 1878, the Commissioner says he has insisted that expenses for "new equipment and new construction" are not "necessary expenses paid within the year in operating the same and keeping the same in a state of repair;" and he has declined to settle with the company upon any basis which "deducts such items from the gross receipts in ascertaining net earnings." The Commissioner says that the Central Pacific Railroad Company, reaver whatever rights it may possess under the law, has paid 25 per cent of its net earnings as computed by the Department without such deductions as the Union Pacific Company claims ought to be allowed. The amount claimed by the Commissioner to be due the United States from the latter company to December 31, 1881, is \$901,837.03. The company claims credits on account of new equipment and new construction which it allowed would reduce its indebtedness to the Government on the disputed account to \$306,477.07. The company, in accordance with its own mode of computation, tendered a check for \$69,358.83 in payment of the balance of its indebtedness to December 31, 1880, which tender was refused by the Government.

The settlement for the year 1882 has not yet been made, but the Commissioner estimates that it will increase the total balance claimed by the Government and deny by the company to at least \$1,500,000. In computing the claim of the Government the Commissioner has given the Union Pacific Railroad Company credit for \$939,074.73 due from the Government to the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company (which became the Kansas division of the Union Pacific Railroad by consolidation therewith in January, 1880) for the same period, after deducting the 5 per cent of its net earnings upon 394 miles—the subsidized portion of the road.

The Commissioner calls the attention of the Secretary of the Interior to the fact that it has been claimed and urged upon this office that the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company and the Denver Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company should each be charged, instead of 5 per cent of their net earnings, with 25 per cent under the new act of May 7, 1878, as being constituents of the consolidated company. The Commissioner cites section 16 of the act of July 2, 1861, which authorized the consolidation and set forth its terms and conditions. The consolidation was effected January 24, 1880. The Commissioner then quotes the first article of the agreement of consolidation, which was published in his report for 1880, and says it is under these provisions that the question has been raised whether the Kansas Pacific and Denver Pacific Companies, being constituent